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PALESTINIANS: Central Council To Meet

A senior PLO official has announced that the 60-member Palestine Central Council will meet tomorrow in Damascus. The Council's official function is to set the date and agenda for a meeting of the 300-member Palestine National Council that will chart PLO policies in the aftermath of its expulsion from Beirut. After the Central Council session, PLO chief Arafat will travel to Amman for further consultations with King Hussein.

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Comment: The meeting in Damascus will provide a test of Arafat's strength in relation to PLO radicals, who have opposed his efforts to associate the organization more firmly with the Middle East peace process and to improve PLO-Jordanian relations. Hussein leaves for Moscow and Beijing in early December with the Arab delegation appointed to explain the decisions of the Fez summit and wants to consult first with Arafat.

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